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From whom and Date. 262933.

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# SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

## LETTERS TO AND FROM WAR OFFICE.

(To be filled in by Branches.)

| DATE.      | FROM.          | TO.            | Number of enclosures in each. |
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(To be continued on fresh jacket if necessary.)



NO. 111/206/966  
Date 25.9.18

Letter from Southern Command dated 10.9.18

St. Lyons asks that he may be posted to Hong Kong for duty - or alternatively granted six months leave with a view to taking his wife out here to her home.

294A. NS4E.

This is the first intimation we have had as to X, and additional enquiries have established the fact that Lyons' wife is a Chinese native, with considerable experience of Hong Kong & the conditions obtaining there. I could not agree to the add being represented there by an Officer with a Chinese wife. The position would be in every way impossible.

For the same reason - the leave proposal does not appeal to me. By far the most satisfactory solution would be for St. Lyons to be demobilised & then make his own arrangements regarding the return of his wife & himself to the Far East. We should have no difficulty in sparing his services

23.9.18.

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Will you proceed - Mr. 1. is agreed

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25.9.18

Mr. Mansel



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Write Southern Command as drafted

MS 4E  
9.10.18

*[Signature]*

MS 4E

See Thank you

MS 4E  
12/10/18

*[Signature]*

5.

This officer submits an application to  
be allowed to resign his comm. **5A**

SUBMIT TO KING  
Ld. 13.11.18  
Inform So. Comd

Genl Hon. Comm. of Lt

MS 4E  
30.10.18

*[Signature]*

S. C. R. McGregor Bt. Co.  
notified,  
Gratuity under 497(B) authorized  
No claims in this branch.  
Other branches notified

22 Jan 15.

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6th Nov 1918

*[Signature]*

MS 10  
8/11/18

See. of



140442/4 (M.S.4.E.)

~~4~~ 4 NOVEMBER 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 262933 (S) of 26th October 1918, I am directed to inform you that approval is given for Temporary Lieutenant C.H. Lyson, Army Ordnance Department to resign his temporary commission in order that he may return to Hong Kong, and the necessary notification will appear in the London Gazette in due course.

He will be granted the Honorary rank of Lieutenant but such grant only permits him to wear uniform on special occasions when attending ceremonies and entertainments of a military nature, should he desire to do so; in accordance with Army Order 38 of 1918.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. F. RILEY.

Lt.-Col.  
Lieutenant-General,  
Military Secretary.

gfh  
The General Officer,  
Commanding-in-Chief,  
SOUTHERN COMMAND.





5A  
From Temporary Lieutenant C.E. Lyson, A.O.D.

To the Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Stores,  
Plymouth Garrison.

Sir,

With reference to my application dated 5/9/18 and War Office reply 140442/4 (M.S.4.E.) dated 11/10/18, being left with no alternative, I beg to submit my application to be allowed to resign my temporary commission, as it is of the utmost importance that I should return to Hongkong in the very near future.

Having regard to the fact that I have served from the very first days of the war (5 months in the ranks, and 3 years & 9 months commissioned service) and to the special circumstances of my case as explained in my application above quoted, which compel me to take this step, I beg to be given the benefit of the provision of Article 497 (b) of Pay Warrant 1914.

I shall be thankful if you will kindly forward this application, and sincerely hope it will be favourably considered.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*C.E. Lyson*

Temp. Lieut.  
A. O. D.

Devonport,  
21/10/18.



140442/4 (M.S.4.B.)

11 October 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 262933 A.2. (Miso) of 10th September 1918, I am directed to inform you that the grant of six months leave under Army Council Instruction No. 2327 of 1916, to temporary Lieutenant G.H. Lyson, Army Ordnance Department, in order that he may return to Hongkong to attend to his private affairs is not approved.

This officer should be informed that should he desire to resign his temporary commission in order to return to Hongkong he may submit an application to do so, when it will receive such consideration as the exigencies of the service may allow.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Lt.) R. F. RILEY

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Lieutenant-General,  
Military Secretary.

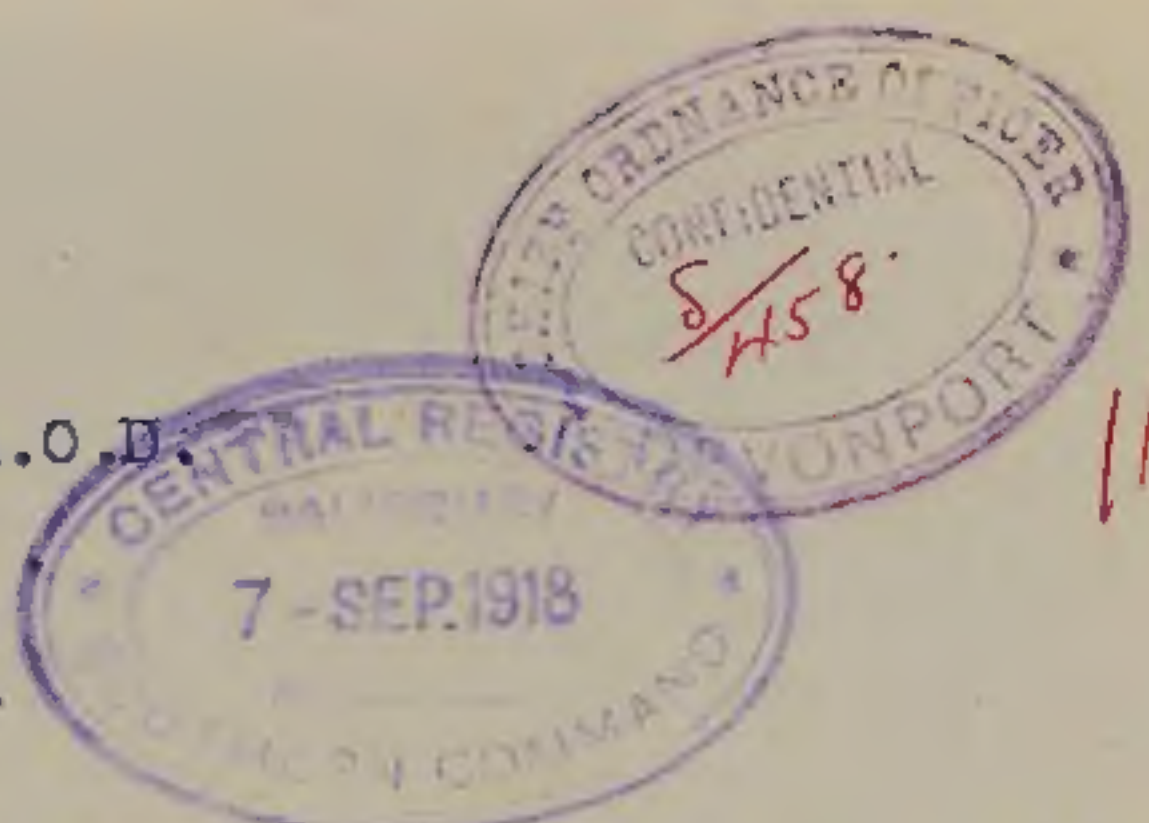
The General Officer,  
Commanding-in-Chief,  
Southern Command.

*[Handwritten signature]*



From Temporary Lieut: C.H.Lyson, A.O.D.

To D.A.D.O.S., Plymouth Garrison.



Sir,

I beg most respectfully to request that you will be good enough to forward this my application through the usual channels.

Reference A.C.I.No.2327 of 1916 I beg to apply for six months' leave without pay or allowances for the following reasons-

1. On medical advice I am most anxious to take my wife back to Hongkong which is her native land. She is a victim of epilepsy, and lately her condition has been worse, no fewer than six attacks having taken place during the last two months. Lt.Col.W.A.Turner, D.S.O.,R.A.M.C. of Harley Street, London, said that she could never get cured if she remained in this country and that the sooner she went home, the better her chance of ultimate recovery. She cannot possibly travel alone as an invalid, for the worry of parting with me and the facing the submarine danger alone would undoubtedly seriously affect her health and ultimate chance of recovery.

2. It is now nearly eight years since I left Hongkong, which is my home. I was reading for the Law when war broke out, but joined the Army in September 1914 as I thought it was my duty so to do. I have now been nearly two years longer in this country than I expected to be, and my private affairs in Hongkong urgently need my personal attendance otherwise I fear a serious financial loss.

I hope this application will be favourably considered, but if the authorities fail to see their way to entertain it, I beg, as an alternative, to ask for a transfer for duty in Hongkong or some other station in the Far East, as parting from my wife would most certainly affect her health and prejudice any chance of her recovery. She is a native of the Far East and has no relatives or friends in this country to look after her, and moreover, she can barely make herself understood in the English language.

I may add that six months appear to be a very long time, but taking into consideration that the return journey alone takes four months, and that preliminary arrangements, e.g.obtaining passport, booking passage etc., will take at least one month, barely one month will be left at home in which to look ~~after~~ into my business and private affairs which have now been awaiting my attention for a number of years.

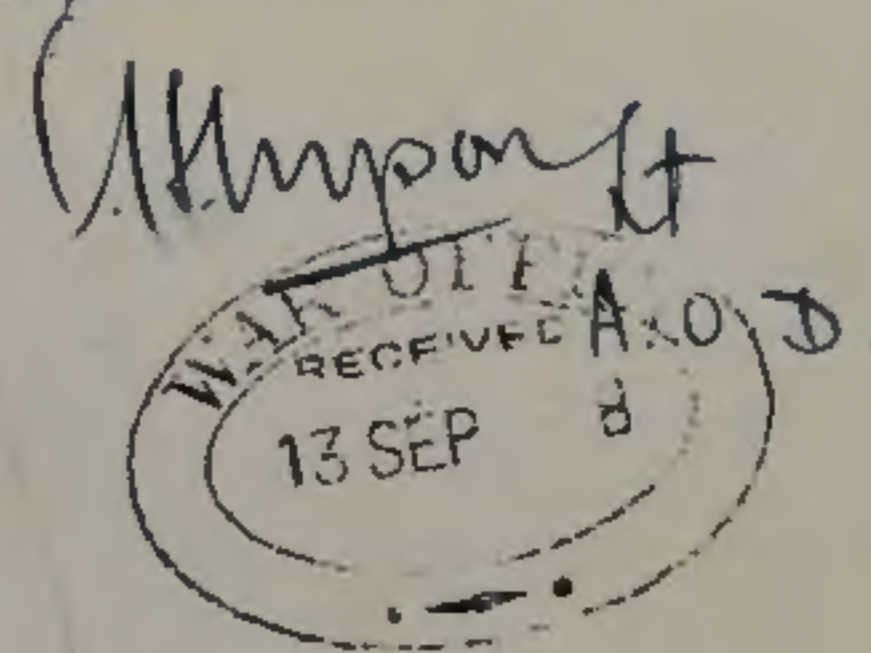
I have always been and still am anxious to serve my country wherever my services are most useful, but owing to circumstances over which I have had no control, i.e. my wife's illness, I have not been in a position to volunteer for foreign service. I shall however, do all in my power to serve where I may be ordered to as soon as I have seen my wife safely home where she will be looked after and cared for by her own people.

May I also respectfully draw attention to the fact that about a year ago, I applied for a transfer to a Far Eastern station on the above grounds, and was informed that my application had been noted and that I should be transferred as soon as a vacancy occurred? (see War Office letter No.140442/3 (Q.M.G.8)).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Devonport,  
5/9/18.



## Application for Leave of Absence.

Rank and Name of Officer .... Temp: Lieut. C. H. LYSON.

Leave { From .... 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1918.  
To .... 31st March, 1919.

On what account .... Please see attached letter.

Address whilst on leave .... 13, Caine Road, Hongkong.  
Telegraphic address  
TAIKWONG  
Hongkong.

If on Garrison or Court-Martial Duty. } Name of Officer who will perform the duty. /

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL.



(This form is to be used for a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, or a member of a University).

Form M.T.  
393 should be used for other candidates.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN  
THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The Candidate will complete the following particulars and submit this form to the Officers Training Corps or University Authorities.

|   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Name (in full)   | Surname  | Lyson                    |
|   | Christian Names                                  | Beaie Hynes              |
| 2. Date of birth  | 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1886.                   |                          |
| 3. Whether married  | yes, <del>but not yet married</del>              |                          |
| 4. Whether of pure European descent   | yes.   |                          |
| 5. Whether a British born or a naturalised British subject  | British Born.                                    |                          |
| 6. Permanent address  | 18 Acacia Grove.<br>West Dulwich<br>London, S.E. |                          |
| 7. Present address for correspondence   | Same.  |                          |
| 8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give particulars                      | no.  |                          |
| 9. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state :- |  |                          |
| (a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent  | The Hong Kong Volunteers                         | London University O.T.C. |
| (b) Date of appointment   | March 1909.                                      | 1st October 1914.        |
| (c) Rank  | Gunner.  | Cadet.                   |
| (d) Date of retirement, resignation, or discharge   | May 1911.  | Still serving.           |
| (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation, or discharge  | Departure from the Colony                        | -                        |



10. Whether able to ride

Yes, but not very well.

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list; they may, however, state here:—

11. The Branch of the service (cavalry, artillery, engineers, infantry or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

The Army Ordnance Department.

12. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date 18<sup>th</sup> December 1914.

*W. H. Thompson*

(Usual signature of candidate).

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age }

Certificate to be signed by a Member of the Military Education Committee of a University.

I certify that Mr. *C. H. Lyons*

is recommended by the Military Education Committee as a suitable candidate for appointment to a commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

University of *London*

Date *19 Dec.*

*J. S. Bell* *Chairman*  
*W. H. Thompson*  
Member of the  
MILITARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

A Regular Officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps will complete the following Certificate:—

I certify that I have examined Mr. *Cecil H. Lyons*  
in accordance with the Instructions for the Physical and Medical Examination of  
Candidates for Commissions in the Regular Army and Special Reserve, and find  
that he is\* *fit* for Military Service,

\* Insert "fit"  
or "unfit."  
If unfit, state  
cause of  
unfitness.

Station *Q. A. Hill Has. Hillbants*

*E. H. Fennell*

Date *30/9/14.*

*Lieut. Name*

The application will then be sent to the Secretary, War Office, London, S. W.,  
as soon as practicable.



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27, CHANCERY LANE,

LONDON.

TELEGRAMS: SUASORIUS, HOLB. LONDON

TELEPHONE: HOLBORN 779 (2 LINES)

17 Dec 1914

In Mr C. S. Lyson has  
been attached to our firm nearly  
three years. I have the  
pleasure to certify as  
requested that so far as  
I know Mr Lyson is of  
good moral character & is  
in my opinion likely to  
make an excellent officer

Yours faithfully

Arthur Weldon





I Cecil Hynes Lyson of 18 Acacia  
Grove West Dulwich in the County of London  
Solicitors Articled Clerk do solemnly and  
sincerely declare:-

1. That I was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1886
2. That I was born in the Colony of Hong  
Kong.
3. That my father is William Vaughan  
Lyson and is a British subject.
4. That I am a British subject by birth  
And I make this solemn declaration  
conscientiously believing the same to be true  
and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations  
Act 1835.

Declared at 27 Chancery  
Lane in the County of London  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1914.

C. H. Lyson

Before me

Thomas Bailey  
A Commissioner for Oaths



### Previous Business Training.

2 years as a Freight Clerk in a Shipping Concern.

2 years as a Bookkeeper in a commercial House (Imports & Exports).

2 years as an Assistant Secretary in another commercial House.

Entered into Articles of Clerkship with Messrs. Gibson & Weldon, Solicitors in February 1912, and passed the Solicitor's Intermediate Examination (including Bookkeeping & Trust Account) in April 1913.